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COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 2, 4, 6, 8-17, 19-22, 24-25, 27 and 31-46 in the subject application by the Examiner. The Applicants agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that claims 2, 4, 6, 8-17, 19-22, 24-25, 27 and 31-46 are patentable over the references in the record.

However, the Applicants expressly traverse the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any statement is intended to or has the intended effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended to or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated. The Applicants specifically do not acquiesce or agree in any manner as to any assertion in Examiner's statements that may be interpreted to narrow the claims to less than their recited scope.

Applicants acknowledge that the after-final response filed on September 12, 2005 has been entered and made of record. Applicants further point out that the after-final response filed on September 12, 2005 did not amend any claims, did not add any new claims, and did not cancel any claims therein.

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Applicants further acknowledge the Examiner's Notice of Allowability and Examiner's Amendment. Applicants acknowledge and authorize the Examiner's amendments to claims 31 and 34, as per the June 8, 2006 telephone conference between the Examiner and Applicant's representative, Peter B. Scull (Reg. No. 37,932).

With regard to the Allowable Subject Matter section of the Examiner's Amendment, Applicants have argued that there is no motivation to combine the Trifonov and Fiete references in the rejections of claims 2, 17, 32, 33, 35 and 40. With regard to Applicants statements regarding the operations of Trifonov and Fiete systems, the Applicants respectfully point to remarks made in the response filed on September 12, 2005, and to Applicants' other statements of record. Outside of Applicants' previous statements of record, the Applicants do not acquiesce to any assertions made by the Office with regard to the Trifonov and Fiete references.

The Applicants further point out that the reasons for allowance set forth by the Office are not the only reasons that claims 2, 4, 6, 8-17, 19-22, 24-25, 27 and 31-46 are allowable. Further reasons for allowance of the claims beyond those enumerated by the Office herein are described and set forth in the Applicants' specification and responses to Office actions. In addition, structures and methods that perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve substantially the same results are included within the scope of the claims.

Finally, as the Examiner's reasons for allowance are not exhaustive, such reasons for allowance do not establish an estoppel against Applicants seeking and obtaining allowance of additional, broader claims in a continuation application, which Applicants reserve the right to file.

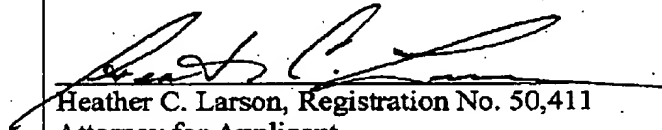
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By virtue of the Examiner's allowance of the claims over the cited references and the associated arguments, it is believed that all arguments made by the Office have been overcome. If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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